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PATENT
Case No. N0169US




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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
MICHAEL WEILAND et al.)	
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Serial No. 10/620,732)	Group: 3663
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Title: METHOD OF REPRESENTING)	
ROAD LANES)	Examiner:
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Filed: July 16, 2003)	

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This response addresses the restriction requirement mailed March 21, 2006.

Response to Claims Restriction

Applicant traverses the restriction and provisionally elects the claims of Group I, i.e., Claims 1-21.

Applicant requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the restriction because the premise for the restriction is in error. Specifically, the restriction states that "the product as claimed can be used in a process of providing route calculation or destination selection." Applicant's claims are not limited to route calculation or destination selection, and moreover neither "route calculation" nor "destination selection" is recited in any of the claims. Accordingly, a restriction based on this premise is in error and should be withdrawn.

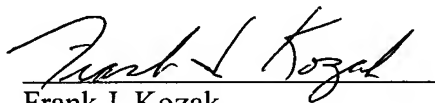
Response to Requirement for Species Election

Applicant traverses the requirement for species election and provisionally elects the claims of Group Ib, i.e., physical road lane represented using a spline. Applicant identifies the following listing of claims as reading on this species: Claims 1-12 and 14-21.

Applicant requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw this species restriction because Claim 13 (species Ia) and Claim 14 (species Ib) are both dependent on an allowable generic claim, i.e., Claim 12.

Applicant submits that this response fully addresses the restriction requirement mailed on March 21, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Frank J. Kozak", is written over a horizontal line.

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